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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a fourth year Civil Law student in the National University of Ireland, Galway, and I wish to apply for a position on the ByrneWallace summer internship programme.

Since September 2015, I have been exposed to numerous different aspects of the legal system, with a well-rounded understanding of the law. My ability to complete high-quality work under strict deadlines, both under my own initiative and as part of a team, has improved immensely. In June 2018, I worked as an intern in a corporate law firm, ‘Holmes, O’Malley, Sexton’, in Limerick. Being a member of the litigation team enhanced my ambition to become a qualified solicitor. The unique challenge of integrating the skills I have learned during my time as an intern to achieve the highest standards for both clients and the team appeals to me greatly, and is the foremost reason why I have chosen a career in law.

At the conclusion of my second academic year, I was chosen based on my results to go on Erasmus to France where I attended Sciences Po Aix, a grande école in Aix-en-Provence. Grand Écoles are a set of prestigious universities and I was extremely fortunate to be given the opportunity to study there. Other personal skills I have attained over the course of my studies is my advocacy and oral skills. I am currently partaking in Moot Court which teaches me valuable court-room etiquette and developed my teamwork in a legal setting. Debating has stimulated my curiosity and enhanced my ability to critically analysis information. In the second year of my degree, I was elected by my classmates to be the BCL class representative to the university Students’ Union. I know that ByrneWallace offers a unique and dynamic professional environment and a culture that will focus not only on the development of my career but also my growth as a person.

I believe that I am an enthusiastic, interesting and motivated individual with an analytical mind and a superb work ethic. I would love the opportunity to show the team at ByrneWallace what I am capable of.

Thank you for your time, I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard Cosgrove